

Regional EMS Council Regulations and Designation Process - Frequently Asked Questions

Regulations governing Regional EMS Councils went into effect on January 1, 2008. Included in those regulations is language describing a process that interested parties must complete to become designated as a Regional EMS Council in Virginia.

This document is to serve as an information resource and reference for those interested in the regulations and/or the designation process. These FAQ's will be updated as questions are received by the Virginia OEMS.

Specific questions regarding the regulations or the designation process may be directed to Tim Perkins, EMS Systems Planner, via e-mail at tim.perkins@vdh.virginia.gov.

Question #1: Why are there regulations governing Regional EMS Councils?

Answer: §32.1-111.11 of the Code of Virginia states that regulations be promulgated to govern and designate Regional EMS Councils.

The specific Code of Virginia language can be found at the following address:

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+32.1-111.11>

Question #2: Who can apply?

Answer: Essentially, any entity can apply. However, designation as a Regional EMS Council is based on very specific criteria. The criteria are outlined in the regulations.

Question #3: When does an application need to be received?

Answer: A completed application must be received by the Virginia Office of EMS no later than October 1 to be considered for designation commencing July 1 of the following year. For example, applications will need to be received by October 1, 2008 for designation commencing on July 1, 2009.

Question #4: Who approves the designations?

Answer: The State Board of Health will make the approvals for designated Regional EMS Councils, acting upon a favorable recommendation of the Office of EMS.

Question #5: Can there be more than one designated council in one service area?

Answer: There can be only one designated council per service area, which is independent of any other entity. However, the number and location of offices to be used by that designated council for that service area can be determined by the applicant.